(b) if so, the other main points discussed and decisions arrived at; and

(c) whether India is considering to amend the present laws to check cyber crimes boom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The 7th International Conference on Cyber Crime organised by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) was held in New Delhi during September 12-14, 2007. Thirty seven countries and a number of organisations including European Police Office (EUROPOL), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) Council of Europe, multinational Information Technology Companies, Indian Public Sector Undertakings and the Department of Electronics, Government of India participated in the conference. The conference recognized the crucial need for a close cooperation between public organizations such as criminal justice officials and private industries, particularly in the area of on-line crime. The delegates *inter-alia* recommended that member States shall further develop a strategic public-private partnership in particular, with Internet Service Providers. The other main points discussed during the conference are international cooperation in cyber crime investigation; phishing and terrorist misuse of cyber space and the law; regional activities of Asia and South Pacific (ASP); Convention on Cyber Crime; frame work for international cooperation against cyber crime; ID theft; on-line banking fraud case; child abuse online; international co-operation on cyber security law enforcement; industry perspective; cooperation with law enforcement entities; hackers profiling project, training and technical assistance for capacity building etc. The conference adopted a number of recommendations to tackle these issues.

Another 'International Conference on Cyber crime' was organised on September 10, 2007 in New Delhi by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), in cooperation with the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France. The aim of the conference was to raise consciousness among the masses and promote measures against cyber crime, in particular improving the cyber crime legislations and establishing efficient public-priate partnerships. The main points discussed during the sessions of the conference are the growing number of cyber crimes like large scale web defacements, spam attacks, spoofing cases, denial of service attacks, infrastructure attacks etc, current efforts to strengthen cyber crime legislations, need for public private partnerships to support relationship between service providers and law enforcement agencies, training programmes and implementation of laws and regulations for prevention of cyber crime etc. The conference made recommendations relating to harmonization of cyber crime laws, effective and sound legal system, social networking and public private partnerships, amendment of Information Technology Act, 2000, cooperation at inernational levels.

(c) Yes, Madam. The Government has introduced Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Demand for Khalistan at a conference in Germany

†938. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn in the media that militant outfits in a conference held in Germany have issued directions for raising the demand of Khalistan once again more vigorously;

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(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the incidents of bomb blasts in two cinema halls of Delhi and once cinema hall of Ludhiana city of Punjab recently are connected with this terrorist action;

(c) if so, whether any action-plan has been prepared to check it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Inputs regarding the activities of pro-Khalistani elements based outside the country are received from time to time and appropriate action is taken by the intelligence and security agencies wherever required.

People, police personnel killed in naxalites attacks

†939. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during some of the last days there has been an increase in the number of naxalite attacks in naxalite affected areas and a large number of police and general public have been killed during these attacks;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that all the efforts so far made by Government for the solution of naxalite problem have proved to be insufficient;

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to take some steps for the eradication of naxalite outfits; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, in 2007, till 31-10-2007, there have been 1285 incidents and 571 casualties in security personnel and civilians, as against 1285 incidents and 610 casualties in the corresponding period of 2006.

The concerned State Governments undertake necessary action in respect of naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by various measures, which include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions to the States, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works.

The Central Government maintains close and continuous watch on the situation, including detailed consultations with the State Government authorities about various developments and the steps required to check and control naxalite activities.

Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

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